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ASSISTANT CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 1995 of the Legislative Journal.) The vote is 13 ayes, 14 nays on the adoption of the amendment.

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: The amendment is not adopted. Next amendment.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, Senator Will would move to amend with AM2043. (See page 1996 of the Legislative Journal.)

SENATOR KRISTENSEN: Senator Will, you're recognized to open on your amendment.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. President, members of the body. I bring this amendment along with Senator Kiel and I intend to discuss part of the amendment and then give the remainder of my opening to Senator Kiel. Basically this is a two-part amendment. The first part would provide \$365,000 a year for the state's Reproductive Health Care Program. And the second part would provide approximately \$245,000 a year for community-based primary care program that is under the auspices of UNMC, the medical center in Omaha. Basically what we're talking about with part one of the amendment, which I intend to address initially in my opening, is the Reproductive Health Care Program. And this program contracts with ten agencies across the state to provide reproductive health care. From the information I have indicates that these agencies, these ten agencies at this point serve about 28,000 women per year in addition to a hundred-some men. And this is something where we are talking about providing health care that obviously, given the name, Reproductive Health Care Program, deals with reproductive problems that may arise and prevention that also might be there. At this point, Nebraska receives about \$1.2 million a year in federal Title X funds that go to these programs. We provide, from state money, only about \$185,000 a year. This state money goes to subsidize pap smears, the diagnosis and treatment of chlamydia and other reproductive related problems. What this amendment would do is kick in an additional \$365,000 a year to the Reproductive Health Care Program and they would be...these additional funds would be used for pap smears, the diagnosis and treatment of sexually